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IPIS

IPIS UPCOMING EVENTS

25 September – IPIS lecture, at 'Wegwijs in ontwikkelingssamenwerking in Congo' organised by the city of Antwerp – 13h30 to 18h, CultuurCentrum Deurne, Frans Messingstraat 36, 2100 Deurne

Natural resources in the Great Lakes Region

DRC

Interdiction minière au Congo - Un premier pas vers la suppression du commerce des « minerais du conflit ».

(16/09/2010 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201009160615.html>

Article on Global Witness' reaction on Kabila's decision to suspend all mining exploitation in Maniema and the Kivu provinces.

Lutte contre les minerais de sang - Le ministre des Mines précise - «Tous les exploitants miniers de l'Est sont visés par la décision présidentielle».

(14/09/2010 – Le Phare – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201009150238.html>

Minister of Mines Kabwelulu is informing the inland mining state services on President Kabila's decision to suspend all mining exploitation in Maniema and the Kivu provinces.

Manage DR Congo mines well to stop conflict: minister.

(21/09/2010 – AFP – Reliefweb)

<http://www.reliefweb.int/rw/rwb.nsf/db900SID/VVOS-89HQAS?OpenDocument&RSS20=02-P>

Good management of the mining sector in the Democratic Republic of Congo will end armed conflicts in the country's mineral-rich east, Minister of Mines Martin Kabwelulu said Tuesday.

Ban on Mining an Incomplete Solution to Conflict minerals.

(17/09/2010 – Enough Project – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201009201338.html>

In order to decrease violence fueled by the global trade in conflict minerals, Congo's recent ban on mineral exports must be accompanied by long-term efforts to reform the trade, including a certification process, says the Enough Project.

DRC to lift eastern mining ban soon – Minister.

(21/09/2010 – Mining Weekly)

<http://www.miningweekly.com/article/drc-to-lift-eastern-mining-ban-soon-minister-2010-09-21>

DR Congo to lift eastern mining ban soon: minister.

(21/09/2010 – Reuters)

http://af.reuters.com/article/topNews/idAFJ0E68K0GQ20100921?feedType=RSS&feedName=topNews&utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+reuters%2FAFRICATopNews+%28News+%2F+AFRICA+%2F+Top+News%29&utm_content=Bloglines

The DRC will soon lift a short-lived ban on mining in its troubled eastern provinces, its mines minister said on Tuesday. Minister Martin Kabwelulu said the government would in the coming days establish a commission to look into mining in the east, after which the ban would be lifted. "The suspension of mining activities in the provinces of North and South Kivu, and Maniema, will last 20 or 30 days," he told journalists.

UN official urges EU states to embrace laws on trade in conflict minerals.

(20/09/2010 – The East African)

<http://www.theeastafrican.co.ke/news/-/2558/1013538/-/oorwj3z/-/>

A senior UN figure has asked European Union states to follow the lead of the US government and establish new laws on conflict minerals from central and Eastern Africa.

Congo among nations advancing on forest carbon.

(17/09/2010 – Reuters)

http://af.reuters.com/article/topNews/idAFJ0E68G0B120100917?feedType=RSS&feedName=topNews&utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+reuters%2FAFRICATopNews+%28News+%2F+AFRICA+%2F+Top+News%29&utm_content=Bloglines

Nations including Democratic Republic of Congo are making surprise progress towards taking part in a \$200 million project for slowing deforestation from late 2010, World Bank experts said.

Sud-Kivu: fin du conflit entre les agriculteurs et éleveurs d'Uvira et de Fizi.

(15/09/2010 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2010/09/15/sud-kivu-fin-du-conflit-entre-les-agriculteurs-et-eleveurs-d%E2%80%99uvira-et-de-fizi/>

Agriculturalists and cattle breeders from Fizi and Uvira have agreed to foresee wide passageways for the cattle in the region.

UGANDA

Norway Should Be a Model for Our Oil Management.

(14/09/2010 – The Monitor – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201009150497.html>

Opinion article stating In 1905, Norway was one of Europe's impoverished countries but this country is now ranked as the richest in Europe with the best and highest standard of living. The reason for this is simple: Norway made a master plan to utilise its resources, hydropower and oil, very well. How did Norway do it?

Declare Kingdom Oil Assets, Bunyoro Tells Government.

(19/09/2010 – New Vision – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201009200163.html>

Bunyoro kingdom has reiterated its demand to the Government to declare the share the kingdom is entitled to from the oil in the Albertine region.

RWANDA

Paul Kagamé carbure au méthane.

(15/09/2010 – Africa Energy Intelligence)

For consultation at request, or at IPIS library.

Reportedly the Rwandan Patriotic Front is a shareholder of the Rwanda Investment Group, which constructs a methane gas extraction project on Lake Kivu.

BURUNDI

Ruiné par les centrales d'urgence.

(15/09/2010 – Africa Energy Intelligence)

For consultation at request, or at IPIS library.

Burundi is obliged to turn to urgency power stations using petroleum because its hydroelectric power stations do not produce enough energy.

International mining companies in the Great Lakes Region

DRC

First Quantum to widen DRC legal complaint.

(19/09/2010 – Financial Times)

<http://www.ft.com/cms/s/0/b096674e-c426-11df-b827-00144feab49a.html>

First Quantum Starts U.S. Lawsuit Against Congo on Copper Mine, FT Reports.

(20/09/2010 – Bloomberg)

<http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2010-09-20/first-quantum-starts-u-s-lawsuit-against-congo-on-copper-mine-ft-reports.html>

First Quantum Minerals Ltd., a Canadian mining company, will extend legal proceedings against the Democratic Republic of Congo over the nationalization of the Frontier copper mine, the Financial Times reported, citing Clive Newall, First Quantum's president.

First Quantum sues ENRC over DRC tailings project.

(15/09/2010 – Mining Weekly)

<http://www.miningweekly.com/article/first-quantum-sues-enrc-over-drc-tailings-project-2010-09-15>

First Quantum seeks intl arbitration over Frontier.

(15/09/2010 – Mining Weekly)

<http://www.miningweekly.com/article/first-quantum-seeks-international-arbitration-over-frontier-2010-09-15>

First Quantum starts legal action against ENRC.

(16/09/2010 – Miningreview.com)

<http://www.miningreview.com/node/18476>

FQM sues ENRC subsidiaries over disputed DRC copper/cobalt project.

(15/09/2010 – Mineweb)

<http://www.mineweb.com/mineweb/view/mineweb/en/page67?oid=111287&sn=Detail&pid=92730>

London listed First Quantum Mines is suing four ENRC subsidiary companies falling under the Highwinds BVI umbrella over dealings with the DRC government concerning the KMT copper/cobalt tailings project.

MagIndustries Announces First Payment from Agreement With SNEL.

(15/09/2010 – Marketwire)

<http://www.marketwire.com/press-release/MagIndustries-Announces-First-Payment-from-Agreement-With-SNEL-TSX-MAA-1319225.htm>

MagIndustries Corp. is pleased to announce receipt of the first payment from an Accord Transactionnel dated August 17, 2010 between its wholly-owned subsidiary MagEnergy Inc. ("MagEnergy") and Société Nationale d'Electricité ("SNEL"), the electric utility of the DRC, compensating the Company for the expenses incurred towards the refurbishment of SNEL's INGA II hydroelectric facility, principally the recently re-commissioned turbine G23.

African Metals Corp. Provides Update on Activities at its Luisha South and Kalande Projects, Katanga Province, Democratic Republic of Congo.

(16/09/2010 – Marketwire)

<http://www.marketwire.com/press-release/African-Metals-Corp-Provides-Update-on-Activities-its-Luisha-South-Kalande-Projects-TSX-VENTURE-AFR-1320676.htm>

African Metals Corporation is pleased to provide an exploration update on its on activities at its projects in the DRC.

African Metals Corporation Completes Acquisition of a Further 33% Interest in the Luisha Project.

(20/09/2010 – Marketwire)

<http://www.marketwire.com/press-release/African-Metals-Corporation-Completes-Acquisition-Further-33-Interest-Luisha-Project-TSX-VENTURE-AFR-1322036.htm>

African Metals Corporation is pleased to announce that the Company has completed the acquisition of a further 33% interest in Luisha Mining Enterprise s.p.r.l. and the Luisha South Project. LME is a private company incorporated under the laws of the DRC. In March of 2010, the Company completed the acquisition of its wholly-owned subsidiary Chevalier Resources Inc. which held a 57% interest in LME and the Luisha South Project.

Tiger Resources on track for copper production at Kipoi Project.

(21/09/2010 – Proactive investors)

<http://www.proactiveinvestors.com.au/companies/news/10168/tiger-resources-on-track-for-copper-production-at-kipoi-project-10168.html>

Emerging copper producer Tiger Resources has updated progress for the Stage 1 development at its Kipoi Copper Project in the DRC, remaining on schedule and within budget for the commencement of commercial production in the first quarter of 2011. During the three-year life of Stage 1 Tiger plans to produce approximately 35,000t per annum of copper.

IGE: DR Congo diamond license converted.

(21/09/2010 – cision wire)

<http://www.cisionwire.com/ige-ab/ige--dr-congo-diamond-license-converted39480>

IGE Resources AB announced that the mining authorities of the DRC have completed the conversion of IGE's diamond prospecting license on the Longatshimo River, to an exploitation and small mining licence with a validity of 10 years. The company now has the necessary legal basis for moving forward with its two diamond projects in DR Congo.

L'establishment soutient Caprikat.

(15/09/2010 – Africa Energy Intelligence)

For consultation at request, or at IPIS library.

A lot of member of the Congolese establishment are working hard to convince Ituri's population to support the Caprikat and Foxwhelp exploration permits.

Masque Congolais.

(15/09/2010 – Africa Energy Intelligence)

For consultation at request, or at IPIS library.

Reportedly, Caprikat and Foxwhelp are about to establish “Congo Oil Group” to explore its oil blocs on Lake Albert.

Exploitation pétrolière - La société Surestream cède ses parts à ENI.

(17/09/2010 – Le Phare – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201009170877.html>

Pétrole : l'Italien ENI consacre son entrée au bloc Ndunda.

(17/09/2010 – Le Potentiel – alAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201009170718.html>

Exploitation pétrolière au Bas-Congo : la cession des parts de la société Surestream à ENI dans le bloc Ndunda saluée par le ministre Mbuyu.

(17/09/2010 – Le Potentiel – Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/70163>

Congolese minister of hydrocarbons, Célestin Mbuyu, approved Surestream's conveyance of the Ndunda petroleum block to ENI.

UGANDA

DJ Uganda Gold Plant Seeks New Suppliers After Congo Ban.

(20/09/2010 – Trading Markets)

http://www.tradingmarkets.com/news/stock-alert/vitff_dj-uganda-gold-plant-seeks-new-suppliers-after-congo-ban-1178537.html

Uganda's sole gold refinery, Victoria Gold Star Ltd., is seeking alternative sources of the mineral following a ban on mining in the volatile Eastern Congo, a hitherto main supplier of gold to the refinery, a company official said Monday.

Tullow paye pour heritage.

(15/09/2010 – Africa Energy Intelligence)

For consultation at request, or at IPIS library.

The Ugandan minister of energy Hillary Onek has withdrawn Tullow Oil's rights on Bloc 3A.

Tullow to separate from Ugandan tax dispute.

(15/09/2010 – Reuters)

http://af.reuters.com/article/topNews/idAFJ0E68E0KJ20100915?feedType=RSS&feedName=topNews&utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+reuters%2FAFRICATopNews+%28News+%2F+AFRICA+%2F+Top+News%29&utm_content=Bloglines

British oil exploration company Tullow Oil said on Wednesday it would soon be disconnected from the tax dispute between Heritage Oil and the Ugandan government, allowing it to sell on some of its assets to new partners.

Tullow's License Will Be Back – Analyst.

(20/09/2010 – East African – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201009201170.html>

Market analysts say the current impasse between the Ugandan government and the UK-based oil company Tullow is likely to be resolved soon as it is in neither party's interests to let it go on much longer.

Dominion Petroleum Provides Africa Operations Update.

(20/09/2010 – OilVoice)

http://www.oilvoice.com/n/Dominion_Petroleum_Provides_Africa_Operations_Update/e2e301832.aspx

Dominion provides an update on its operations in Tanzania, Uganda and Democratic Republic of Congo.

Essar veut prendre Tamoil de vitesse.

(15/09/2010 – Africa Energy Intelligence)

For consultation at request, or at IPIS library.

Propositions from the Indian enterprise Essar to construct an oil refinery in Kampala and an oil pipeline between Ugandan and Kenya, have seduced Ugandan president Museveni.

China in the Great Lakes Region

Le pays et la Chine concluent de nouveaux partenariats économiques.

(21/09/2010 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201009210485.html>

China and the DRC have signed some new partnership agreements to reinforce the economic cooperation between the two countries.

Arms trade / Security in the Great Lakes Region

DRC

Kindu: 2 morts dans des accrochages entre villageois à Makola.

(15/09/2010 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2010/09/15/kinde-2-morts-dans-des-accrochages-entre-villageois-a-makola/>

Two civilians have died in a conflict over land in Makola, thirty kilometres from Kindu, Maniema province.

Nord-Kivu: les conflits coutumiers persistent à Nyiragongo et Rusthuru.

(20/09/2010 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2010/09/20/nord-kivu-les-conflits-coutumiers-persistent-a-nyiragongo-et-rusthuru/>

North Kivu provincial deputy Mutumba Kuné deplores the Congolese government does very little about customary conflicts in North Kivu.

Violence spirals out of control in east DRC.

(18/09/2010 – Mail&Guardian)

<http://www.mg.co.za/article/2010-09-18-violence-spirals-out-of-control-in-east-drc>

Violence is reaching new levels of savagery and spiraling out of control in this corner of the DRC, where the competition for control of mineral resources has drawn in several armed groups, including the Congolese army. Rape has become a military strategy by the various groups of fighters to intimidate, punish and control the population in the mining areas.

Walikale - Les FARDC s'apprêtent à lancer des opérations militaires anti-rebelles.

(16/09/2010 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201009160611.html>

Les FARDC s'apprêtent à lancer des opérations militaires anti-rebelles dans les zones minières de Walikale au Nord-Kivu.

(15/09/2010 – APA – Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/70097>

Territoire minier de Walikale : Quand les Fardc s'activent pour déloger les rebelles rwandais.

(15/09/2010 – Le Palmarès – Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/70100>

Article on the FARDC's deployment in Walikale territory, to fight against the rebels occupying mining sites in the area.

DRC Plans Assault On FDLR.

(18/09/2010 – The New Times – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201009201192.html>

Senior officials of the FARDC are in the DRC's volatile eastern region to assess the situation and come up with fresh strategies to battle against the FDLR militia. This was revealed by Maj. Vianney Kazalama, the FARDC spokesperson in DRC's North Kivu Province. The revelation comes shortly after Congolese President, Joseph Kabila, also toured the region and suspended mining activities in an attempt to clean up the sector and weed out rebel groups who are using the region's mineral wealth to fuel conflict.

Mines de RDC : le grand nettoyage.

(15/09/2010 – Afrik.com)

<http://www.afrik.com/article20790.html>

FARDC's military operations to chase away rebellion groups from eastern DRC's mining sites have started last week, it follows president Kabila's decision to suspend all mining exploitation in the Maniema and the Kivu provinces.

Ituri - affrontements entre FARDC et miliciens font quatre morts à Mbise.

(20/09/2010 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201009200763.html>

Ituri: les FARDC tuent quatre miliciens à Mbise.

(19/09/2010 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2010/09/19/ituri-les-fardc-tuent-quatre-miliciens-a-mbise/>

Four FPJC rebels have been killed during serious fighting with the FARDC in Mbise, a locality situated 60 km south of Bunia.

Walikale: des démobilisés non encadrés, une menace permanente pour la paix.

(19/09/2010 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2010/09/19/walikale-des-demobilises-non-encadres-une-menace-permanente-pour-la-paix/>

The great number of demobilised rebels that have not received a 'guidance' package to help them with their socio-economic reintegration, constitute a permanent threat to peace in Walikale territory.

RDC : les casques bleus ramènent le calme et rassure la population dans l'est du pays.

(15/09/2010 – UN News Centre)

<http://www.un.org/apps/newsFr/storyF.asp?NewsID=22981&Cr=RDC&Cr1=>

Un succès pour l'Opération « Shop Window » au Nord Kivu.

(15/09/2010 – MONUSCO)

<http://monuc.unmissions.org/Default.aspx?tabid=1069&ctl=Details&mid=1143&ItemID=10419>

Kinshasa: la Monusco salue les succès de l'opération «Shop window».

(15/09/2010 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2010/09/15/kinshasa-la-monusco-salue-les-succes-de-l%E2%80%99operation-%C2%ABshop-window%C2%BB/>

'Shop Window', the MONUSCO military operation established following the mass rapes at the end of July, have re-established calm and reassured the local population.

Security Council urges DR Congo to bring mass rape perpetrators to justice.

(17/09/2010 – UN News Centre)

<http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=35981&Cr=&Cr1=> (English)

<http://www.un.org/apps/newsFr/storyF.asp?NewsID=23012&Cr=Congo&Cr1=> (French)

Le Conseil de sécurité prêt à envisager des mesures contre les auteurs des viols dans l'Est de la RDC.

(18/09/2010 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2010/09/18/le-conseil-de-securite-pret-a-envisager-des-mesures-contre-les-auteurs-des-viols-dans-l%E2%80%99est-de-la-rdc/>

In the wake of mass rapes of civilians in the restive far east of the DRC, the Security Council called on the country to take "swift and fair" action to bring the perpetrators to justice. Hundreds of people – including more than two dozen children – were raped by members of armed groups in July and August in the volatile North Kivu province.

Eastern DRC's Stabilisation: Ambitious Project for the Kivus and Ituri.

(14/09/2010 – MONUSCO)

<http://monuc.unmissions.org/Default.aspx?tabid=932&ctl=Details&mid=1096&ItemID=10418> (English)

<http://monuc.unmissions.org/Default.aspx?tabid=1069&ctl=Details&mid=1143&ItemID=10393> (French)

While the MONUSCO is continuing its effort to reduce violence in eastern DRC, its is also focusing on the stabilisation and peace consolidation activities. On 16 September, MONUSCO Civil Affairs section (CAS), UNDP and Government's partners finalised an action plan for the training of 500 public servants to be deployed in the two Kivus and Ituri, following consultations held in these provinces last week.

Uganda offers to train DR.Congo troops.

(21/09/2010 – AFP – Reliefweb)

<http://www.reliefweb.int/rw/rwb.nsf/db900SID/VVOS-89HQFA?OpenDocument&RSS20=02-P>

Uganda has offered to train troops of the Democratic Republic of Congo, its former foe, army spokesman Lieutenant Colonel Felix Kulayigye said Tuesday. "It is the first time that Uganda is offering her military academies to train Congolese government soldiers," Kulayigye told AFP, adding the offer followed a two-day bilateral meeting that ended Sunday in Kampala. The meeting was between Ugandan Defence Minister Crispus Kiyonga and his Congolese counterpart, Charles Mwando.

L'Africom dote les FARDC d'un bataillon d'intervention rapide.

(18/09/2010 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201009200391.html>

Kisangani : l'Africom forme un bataillon commando de plus de 700 militaires.

(16/09/2010 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2010/09/16/kisangani-l%E2%80%99africom-forme-un-commando-de-plus-de-700-militaires/>

From now on the FARDC has a rapid intervention team, which was trained by American instructors from AFRICOM.

Democratic Republic of the Congo: EU extends mission in support of security sector reform (EUSEC RD Congo).

(21/09/2010 – EU - Reliefweb)

<http://www.reliefweb.int/rw/rwb.nsf/db900SID/VDUX-89HQFM?OpenDocument&RSS20=02-P>

The Council adopted a decision extending until 30 September 2012 the EU mission to provide advice and assistance for security sector reform in the DRC.

Always on the Run - The Vicious Cycle of Displacement in Eastern Congo.

(14/09/2010 – Human Rights Watch)

<http://www.hrw.org/en/reports/2010/09/14/always-run> (English)

<http://www.hrw.org/fr/reports/2010/09/14/une-fuite-permanente-0> (French)

This report mainly focuses on the displacement from late 2008 through mid-2010 and especially the first half of 2009. At least 1.2 million IDPs were forced to flee their homes during three successive military operations that began in January 2009; others had fled during earlier waves of displacement. At the same time, over 1.1 million others returned—or tried to return—to their homes between January 2009 and March 2010. Despite these attempts, over 1.4 million people remained displaced in North and South Kivu by April 2010. This report does not provide a comprehensive history of displacement. Rather, focusing on North and South Kivu, it documents how warring parties have abused IDPs in all phases of displacement.

The Need to Strengthen Protection for Displaced People.

(14/09/2010 – Human rights Watch – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201009150082.html>

Humans Rights Watch critique la protection des réfugiés.

(14/09/2010 – Radio France Internationale – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201009150187.html>

Both the government of the DRC and the UN peacekeeping mission there should give greater emphasis to the protection of the nearly two million people displaced from their homes in the conflict-ridden eastern part of the country, Human Rights Watch said in a report released today. The UN Refugee Agency and international donors should ensure that assistance programs are not used to press them to go home before they are confident it is safe, Human Rights Watch said.

UN and DR Congo distribute identity cards to refugees to improve their rights.

(21/09/2010 – UN News Centre)

<http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=36026&Cr=democratic&Cr1=congo> (English)

<http://www.un.org/apps/newsFr/storyF.asp?NewsID=23046&Cr=Congo&Cr1=> (French)

Kinshasa: remise des cartes d'identité pour réfugiés.

(21/09/2010 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2010/09/21/kinshasa-remise-aux-refugies-d%E2%80%99une-carte-d%E2%80%99identite/>

UNHCR and the DRC have launched a vast distribution of identity cards to the estimated 173,000 refugees in the country aimed at strengthening the rights of this vulnerable group.

RDC : MOUVEMENTS DE POPULATIONS AU 31 AOUT 2010.

(15/09/2010 – OCHA – Reliefweb)

<http://www.reliefweb.int/rw/rwb.nsf/db900SID/FGAI-89BQAH?OpenDocument&RSS20=22-P>

RD CONGO/NORD KIVU : RAPPORT HUMANITAIRE MENSUEL - Août 2010.

(15/09/2010 – OCHA – Reliefweb)

<http://www.reliefweb.int/rw/rwb.nsf/db900SID/FGAI-89BM8Q?OpenDocument&RSS20=22-P>

RDC/Sud-Kivu - Rapport hebdomadaire du 08 au 15 septembre 2010.

(15/09/2010 – OCHA – Reliefweb)

<http://www.reliefweb.int/rw/rwb.nsf/db900SID/FGAI-89DNYE?OpenDocument&RSS20=22-P>

RDC/Nord-Kivu - Rapport hebdomadaire du 08 au 14 septembre 2010.

(15/09/2010 – OCHA – Reliefweb)

<http://www.reliefweb.int/rw/rwb.nsf/db900SID/FGAI-89DNWR?OpenDocument&RSS20=22-P>

BRIEFING HUMANITAIRE EN RDC - Du 13 au 17 Septembre 2010.

(17/09/2010 – OCHA – Reliefweb)

<http://www.reliefweb.int/rw/rwb.nsf/db900SID/FGAI-89DNUH?OpenDocument&RSS20=22-P>

OCHA reports on the humanitarian situation and humanitarian assistance in the eastern Congolese provinces.

Lubanga's Missing Co-Perpetrator - Who is Bosco Ntaganda?

(15/09/2010 – Lubanga Trial Website – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201009170508.html>

For watchers of the International Criminal Court (ICC), there has been a flurry of recent activity around the suspension of the proceedings against Thomas Lubanga. The Office of the Prosecutor is appealing and spectators are eagerly awaiting the decision from the appeals chamber. At the same time, there has been talk about the failure of the court to arrest the man charged alongside him - Bosco Ntaganda.

FDLR**La présence des FDLR à Mitumba et l'accroissement des déplacés préoccupent la Monusco.**

(16/09/2010 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201009160614.html>

The MONUSCO is worried about the increase of IDPs and the reports of FDLR presence in Mituba, Katanga province.

LRA**Army Dismisses Rebel Call for Fresh Talks.**

(17/09/2010 – New Vision – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201009170914.html>

The army says calls by the Lords Resistance Army rebels to the UN to initiate fresh peace talks with the government is diversionary and intended to buy time. UPDF 4th Division Intelligence Officer, Major Victor Opira says peace talks between the government and the LRA were concluded and what is remaining is for the LRA leader, Joseph Kony to sign the final peace agreement document.

Uganda, DR Congo seek new ways to fight insurgents.

(19/09/2010 – AFP – Reliefweb)

<http://www.reliefweb.int/rw/rwb.nsf/db900SID/MCOI-89FDCR?OpenDocument&RSS20=02-P>

Govt, Congo Discuss New Plot Against LRA.

(19/09/2010 – New Vision – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201009200177.html>

Nation, Congo Discuss Border Security.

(19/09/2010 – The Monitor – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201009200578.html>

Defence leaders from Uganda and the Democratic Republic of Congo are meeting Sunday in Kampala to discuss new ways to combat rebel groups in the region, notably the Lord's Resistance Army (LRA).

Faradje: plus de douze mille déplacés de retour dans leurs villages.

(18/09/2010 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2010/09/18/faradje-plus-de-douze-mille-deplaces-de-retour-dans-leurs-villages/>

The security situation in Faradje has improved considerably, allowing IDPs to return home during the last six months, after they fled LRA aggression.

UGANDA

Soldier Kills Four Women in Karamoja.

(16/09/2010 – The Monitor – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201009160355.html>

A UPDF soldier attached to the 407 Brigade has shot dead four women and injured one at Katanga Village in Nakapiripirit Town Council.

BURUNDI

Civil war resuming in Burundi's Rukoko marshes.

(18/09/2010 – AFP – Reliefweb)

<http://www2.reliefweb.int/rw/rwb.nsf/db900SID/MYAI-89F3T9?OpenDocument>

Sept civils tués dans le nord.

(16/09/2010 – Radio France Internationale - allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201009160920.html>

Burundi's authorities prefer to speak of bandits, not rebels, but for the people living in the Rukoko marshes, the cause of recent violence is an open secret: the civil war has resumed. Groups of armed men have carried out deadly raids in the area, forcing the population to flee and creating a de facto no-go zone only a few miles north of the capital Bujumbura.

Other

Uganda's Museveni sued over bid for fourth term.

(22/09/2010 – Reuters)

http://af.reuters.com/article/topNews/idAFJOE68L02O20100922?feedType=RSS&feedName=topNews&utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+reuters%2FAFRICATopNews+%28News+%2F+AFRIC A+%2F+Top+News%29&utm_content=Bloglines

Uganda's President Yoweri Museveni's bid for a fourth term is facing a legal challenge from a rival who wants the high court to prevent the leader from contesting next year's election.

IPIS latest publications

IPIS LATEST REPORTS

Deadly Movements. Transportation Controls in the Arms Trade Treaty.

(July 2010 – Amnesty International, IPIS, Transarms)

<http://www.ipisresearch.be/arms-trade.php>

Effective regulation of the global trade in conventional arms must include adequate provisions to control the physical movement of arms across international borders. The proposed Arms Trade Treaty (ATT) should be designed to prevent unauthorised or irresponsible international transfers of weapons, munitions and related equipment internationally: it must therefore require states to impose effective controls and reporting requirements on the transport and transporters of arms, including through Free Trade Zones. Without such requirements, the ATT will fail to address a significant gap in international arms transfer controls, and will deprive states of a key tool to prevent arms transfers where it can be foreseen the arms are likely to be used to violate human rights and destroy lives and livelihoods contrary to international law.

Les devoirs de la République centrafricaine dans le contexte des activités des entreprises.

(July 2010 – IPIS)

<http://www.ipisresearch.be/ong-rca.php>

Les devoirs internationaux de la République centrafricaine relatifs à la conservation des milieux d'importance et des espèces sauvages.

(July 2007 – IPIS)

<http://www.ipisresearch.be/ong-rca.php>

Une analyse de la législation environnementale et de la législation minière de la République Centrafricaine dans le contexte des activités des entreprises.

(June 2010 – IPIS)

<http://www.ipisresearch.be/ong-rca.php>

Amélioration de la pratique de l'Etude d'Impact Environnemental.

(June 2010 – IPIS)

<http://www.ipisresearch.be/ong-rca.php>

Four reports on IPIS' project concerning capacity building of NGOs in the Central African Republic working on the management of uranium. The reports analyse the CAR's mining and environmental legislation, and the country's obligations in the field of environmental management and the regulation of enterprises' activities.

Jaarverslag 2009.

(06/05/2010 – IPIS)

<http://www.ipisresearch.be/natural-resources.php>

IPIS has published its activity report 2009. The activity report is a comprehensive report of IPIS' activities in 2009. Its assignments, publications and lectures are presented in this document. The English version follows later on.

Mapping Conflict Motives: Province Orientale (DRC)

(March 2010 – IPIS)

http://www.ipisresearch.be/mapping_orientale.php?&lang=en

Cartographie des motivations derrière les conflits: 'Province Orientale' (RDC).

(June 2010 – IPIS)

http://www.ipisresearch.be/mapping_orientale.php

It is the fourth study in the IPIS mapping series and deals with the presence, behaviour and motivation of the armed groups that have been active in the Orientale province of the Democratic Republic of the Congo in 2009.

With the publication of this fourth mapping report, IPIS links two areas it has studied and mapped in the past: the Kivu provinces of the Democratic Republic of the Congo and the Central African Republic. IPIS is trying to complete the jigsaw puzzle of a conflict-ridden region. The following report constitutes a new piece fitting into this puzzle. As the work advances, ever more linkages will appear and facilitate regional analysis.

From deceit to discovery: The strange flight of 4L-AWA (text and documents).

(December 2009 – IPIS)

<http://www.ipisresearch.be/arms-trade.php>

On Saturday 12 December 2009 Thai authorities seized an aircraft at Bangkok's Don Mueang airport. The Ilyushin-76 had stopped on the 11th December for refuelling while en-route from Pyongyang to Tehran, and was carrying 35 tonnes of arms and ammunition. While the media rushed to make unproven claims about the plane and alleged former owners of the aircraft, little attention was paid to the web of companies, the flight plan, and final destination.

Activity Report 2008.

(9/11/2009 – IPIS)

<http://www.ipisresearch.be/natural-resources.php>

Jaarverslag 2008.

(13/10/2009 – IPIS)

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IPIS has published its activity report 2008. The activity report is a comprehensive report of IPIS' activities in 2008. Its assignments, publications and lectures are presented in this document.

Note accompagnatrice de la carte interactive des zones minières militarisées aux Kivus.

(13/10/2009 – IPIS)

<http://www.ipisresearch.be/mining-sites-kivus.php>

The French version of the accompanying note on the interactive map of militarised mining areas in the Kivus has been published. It is an explanatory guide to the research methodology used to produce the interactive map of militarised mining areas in the Kivus (MiMiKi) map, the Concessions map and the 'Comptoirs 2008' table that are available at the site.

Exceptions in dual-use export licenses.

(September 2009 – Steunpunt Buitenlands Beleid / IPIS)

<http://www.ipisresearch.be/arms-trade.php>

This paper begins with a general explanation of the applicable export policies in the United States and provides in chapter two an overview of the restrictions and conditions in applying a License Exception. Chapter three focuses on the License Exceptions that are similar with the CGEAs in the EC's Proposal.

Africa's natural resources in a global context.

(12/08/2009 – IPIS)

<http://www.ipisresearch.be/natural-resources.php>

While, on the one hand, it is widely acknowledged that Africa has great natural resource potential, on the other hand, one cannot but regret that the complex interplay between political and economic factors at the national and international level appears to make it impossible to use a more substantial part of the revenues from the exploitation and trade of these resources for the promotion of the well-being of people at the grassroots level. This paper, which concentrates on non-renewable natural resources, aims to disentangle some of the processes that explain the paradox between Africa's natural wealth and its relatively limited level of economic development. It shows that the state of affairs in the resource sectors of most African countries is still to a large extent determined by external factors. Extractive industries in Africa tend to be export-oriented and contribute disappointingly little to local development.

Militarised Mining Areas in the Kivus.

(10/08/2009 – IPIS)

<http://www.ipisresearch.be/mining-sites-kivus.php>

IPIS has published an interactive map of militarised mining areas in the Kivus (MiMiKi). Together with the map comes an explanatory guide to the research methodology and the possible uses of the map, including some striking findings.

The MiMiKi map constitutes a first systematic attempt to clarify the issue of profit by armed groups from the extractive industry in the east of the DR Congo. The interactive map contains information on the location of mines, the presence of armed groups at mining pits and a number of other variables. Although most recent analyses written on the issue point out that the region's relative mineral wealth is not the primary cause of the armed conflict in the Kivus, its role in financing armed groups is indisputable. Because of this situation, Western companies buying ores originating from the Great Lakes region, have been targeted by international NGOs who are asking them to implement a thorough system of due diligence. In the light of the loudening call for a stricter regulation of the sector, the listing of mining sites in the Kivus is essential.

The MiMiKi map only shows a part of the mining sector, namely the extraction of the minerals. In order to find out whether Western companies are buying Congolese minerals from which armed groups might benefit, the whole trading chain needs to be established. Therefore, in addition to the MiMiKi map, IPIS has appended a specific table containing information on the activities of the official comptoirs (mineral traders) in 2008.

It has to be noted that the MiMiKi map is not yet complete and should be considered as a work in progress. To date, more than 200 active mining sites are located on the map, including the most important. There are a few remaining blind spots (areas on which IPIS has no first hand information) on the map.

IPIS LATEST ARTICLES

Illicit brokering of SALW in Europe: lacunae in Eastern European arms control and verification regimes.

(September 2009 – IPIS)

<http://www.ipisresearch.be/arms-trade.php>

The article argues that no arms control agreement which does not recognize the need to licence and control the activities of arms brokers can ever hope to be effective. Therefore the vital interest of the EU Code of Conduct for the purposes of this article is that it is extended to cover arms brokering activities by the EU Common Position on arms brokering of June 2003.

Stabilisation et secteur minier dans l'Est de la RDC.

(August 2009 – IPIS)

<http://www.ipisresearch.be/natural-resources.php>

In the beginning of July the Congolese government established a plan for the stabilisation of eastern DRC. The media remained silent concerning this initiative and the plan has not been made public. IPIS, however, managed to obtain this Congolese stabilisation plan. The objective of this article is to look at the essential points of the plan that could be useful as part of the Congolese and international efforts to dissolve the crisis in the eastern part of the country.

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